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1. SUMMARY: IN INTERVIEW TO TASS, SOVIET "LABOR" LEADER PIMENOV EXPRESSED SOVIET FEDERATIONS' DESIRE FOR CLOSE COOPERATION WITH ICFTU AND WCL AND PROMISED SOVIET AID TO LATIN AMERICAN UNIONS. END SUMMARY
2. AFP DISPATCH FROM MOSCOW 11 JANUARY REPORTS INTERVIEW GIVEN TO SOVIET NEWS AGENCY TASS BY PIOTR PIMENOV, SECRETARY OF ALL UNIONS CENTRAL COUNCIL OF TRADE UNIONS (AUCCTU) AND MEMBER OF ILO GOVERNING BODY.
3. ACCORDING TO AFT. PIMENOV EXPRESSED HIS FEDERATION'S DESIRE FOR CLOSE COOPERATION WITH ICFTU (INTERNATIONAL CONFEDERATION'S OF FREE TRADE UNIONS) AND WCL (WORLD CONFEDERATION OF LABOR). PIMENOV IS QUOTED AS HAVING SAID THAT "THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF THE SOVIET UNIONS CONSIDERS THAT AS FAR AS THE

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TRADE UNIONS OF THE SOCIALIST CAMP ARE CONCERNED THE UNITY OF

ACTION BY ALL LABOR ORGANIZATIONS, REGARDLESS OF ORIENTATION AND COOPERATION WITH ICFTU AND WCL IN THE INTEREST OF WORKING CLASS, ARE BOTH NECESSARY AND POSSIBLE".

4. PIMENOV EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH PROGRESS IN "CONCRETE COOPERATION" BETWEEN SOVIETS AND ICFTU-WCL AND FOR THE STRENGTHENING OF RELATIONS BETWEEN SOVIET UNIONS AND THOSE OF CUBA. HE DENOUNCED, HOWEVER, PEKING'S TRADE UNION POLICY WHICH RESULTED IN THE 1966 DISSOLUTION OF THE ALL CHINA TRADE UNION FEDERATION AND ENDED CHINESE PARTICIPATION IN WFTU (WORLD FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS). " THIS POLICY IS PREJUDICIAL TO WORKING CLASS UNITY AND CREATES SPLITS", SAID PIMENOV.

5. WITH REGARD TO TRADE UNIONS IN LATIN AMERICA, PIMENOV SAID, THAT THE SOVIET UNIONS INTEND TO GIVE THE LATIN AMERICAN LABOR MOVEMENT "CONCRETE ASSISTANCE".

6. COMMENT: INTERVIEW GIVES GOOD MEASURE OF SOVIET DETERMINATION TO "TIE TRADE UNION TAIL TO EAST-WEST KITE" FOR THE PURPOSE OF INCREASING SOVIET INFLUENCE IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE UNION MOVEMENT BEGINNING WITH EUROPE. SOVIET SUCCESS IN BRINGING ABOUT EUROPEAN TRADE UNION CONFERENCE 19 JANUARY IS SUFFICIENT TO EXPLAIN CONFIDENT TONE OF PIMENOV'S STATEMENTS AND HIS PUBLIC PROMISE OF ASSISTANCE TO LATIN AMERICAN UNIONS. STONE

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